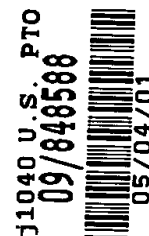


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Application No.: Not yet assigned)
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For: METHOD OF SCREENING FOR)
PHARMACEUTICALS BY DETECTING)
CROSS TALK BETWEEN)
INTRACELLULAR SIGNALS AND)
INTRANUCLEAR RECEPTORS)

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Joseph F. Murphy, Ph.D.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a First Office Action.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider each listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

All of the documents are in the English language, except Chumakov. The relevance of that document can be understood from the description at page 10 of the specification.

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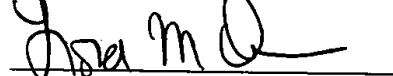
constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

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